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- 1. We enclose the following documents:
- Preliminary Amendment Transmittal (3 pgs, in duplicate)
- Preliminary Amendment (5 pgs)
- Annotated drawing sheets (1 page)
- Replacement drawing sheets (1 page)
- Return postcard

STATUS

2. Applicant	
	_ claims small entity status.
√	is other than a small entity

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING/TRANSMISION

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EXTENSION OF TERM

3.	The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. (complete (a) or (b), as applicable)					
	(a)	Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)				
		Extension for response within:	Other than small entity Fee	Small entity Fee (if applicable)		
		first month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00		
		second month	\$ 410.00	\$ 205.00		
		third month	\$ 930.00	\$ 465.00		
		fourth month	\$1,450.00	\$ 725.00		
		fifth month	\$1,970.00	\$ 985.00		
			Fee:	\$		
If a	n additiona	l extension of time is required, pl	ease consider this a peti	tion therefor.		
		(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)				
An extension of months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor \$ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.						
		Extension fee due with this request \$				
		OR				
	(b) X Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extens of time.					

FEE FOR CLAIMS

The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below: 4. OTHER THAN (Col. 3) SMALL ENTITY SMALL ENTITY (Col. 1) (Col. 2) **CLAIMS** REMAINING HIGHEST NO. AFTER **PREVIOUSLY** PRESENT ADDITIONAL. ADDITIONAL AMENDMENT PAID FOR **EXTRA** RATE FEE OR RATE FEE x \$18 = \$**MINUS** x \$9 = \$TOTAL INDEP. x \$84 = \$MINUS x \$42 = \$FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM + \$280 = \$+ \$140 = \$TOTAL ADDITIONAL TOTAL ADDITIONAL OR FEE \$ FEE \$ X No additional fee for Claims is required OR (b) Total additional fee for claims required \$ **FEE PAYMENT** Attached is a check in the sum of \$____ Charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 the sum of \$____. A duplicate of this transmittal is attached. FEE DEFICIENCY If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384. AND/OR If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384. 7. Other:

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